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A RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD US ON FEBRUARY 5 THAT THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL'S INABILITY SO FAR TO REACH A DECISION ON ARMS TO TURKEY STEMMED FROM "UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES CONCERNED -- FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND FINANCE. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE "SOME WEEKS" BEFORE THESE DIFFERENCES COULD BE OVERCOME. HE STRESSED THAT NORMAL COMMERCIAL SALES WERE NOT INVOLVED, BUT ONLY DEFENSE ASSISTANCE IN THE NATO FRAMEWORK. HE SAID THAT MANY JOURNALISTS WERE ASKING WHETHER THE FRG PLANNED TO TAKE OVER US RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA; HE COMMENTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT, EVEN ASSUMING AN EVENTUAL POSITIVE DECISION BY THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT ANYTHING THE FRG COULD DO WOULD FALL FAR SHORT OF PROVIDING A FULL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE US
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